

Name _____ Date _____ *Literary Elements of a Short Story*

1. Title of Story: _____ 2. Author: _____

3. Who?

4. Where?

5. When?

6. What?

7. How?

8. Why?

9-17. Summary of story: A summary of a story will be focused on the **main character (protagonist)** and will have the main parts of the **beginning, middle, and end**. Feel free to combine parts into one sentence if you can without making a run-on.

In “ _____ Title of Story ” _____ Protagonist is a _____ adjective + (boy, girl , man, woman, animal) that has _____ previous history or events that led up to the moment where the story begins .

Exposition: State current setting and situation or possible arising conflict at the beginning of the story; antagonist should be mentioned here.

Sentence that sums up rising action

Sentence that sums up climax

Sentence that sums up falling action and resolution

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18. Setting:

- a. Era?
 - b. Place?
 - c. Time?
 - d. Contrasts or distorted elements in setting:
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19. Protagonist's name:

- a. Physical looks:
 - b. Character flaw:
 - c. Psychological back-story:
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20. Antagonist:

Who or what is the antagonist?

If not human, how is the antagonist represented?

21. Describe the protagonist's main **conflict in the story:**

22. (POV) Point of View:

- a. What POV is the story told in?
 - b. How does the reader benefit or what can the reader gain insight to because the story is told in this POV and not another POV? Use concrete evidence to support.
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23. Characterization:

- a. Find one example of **direct characterization** and quote it here:
- b. Find one example of **indirect characterization** and quote it here:
- c. What does this quote say about this character's personality?

24. Figurative Language:

Find and quote one example of **figurative language** from the story here:

- What type of figurative language is this?
- What **impact** does its use have on the **characters, mood, tone, or plot**?

25. Mood:

Find and quote an example of **mood** from the story here:

- a. What techniques are used in this quote to **emphasize** the mood?

26. Tone:

Find and quote an example of **tone** from the story here:

- Is this tone used by the author or by a character?
- What techniques are used in this quote to **emphasize** the tone?

27. Connotative and Dennotative Meaning:

Write down a word from the story that you didn't know the meaning of here:

- a. Write ALL dictionary definitions to this word here, numbering each one:
- b. Write the sentence from the story this word was in here:
- c. Highlight the context clues in the sentence that helps you understand its connotative meaning.
- d. Circle the dictionary definition from the list of definitions that best describes the word's connotative meaning.
- e. Was this word used figuratively? Could it be understood in more than one way?

